तथा बिलासपुर के रास्ते झारगुडा से हजरत निजामुद्दीन तक पहले ही एक सीधी सेवा प्रदान करती है।

मध्य प्रदेश के सरगुजा जिले में बाक्साइट भंडारों का दोहन

10. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री सुरेन्द्र सिंह ठाकुर :
क्या **खान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के सरगुज जिले के मैनपात क्षेत्र में बॉक्साइट के विशाल भंडार पाए गए हैं;

(ख) इन भंडारों का दोहन करने के लिए क्या योजना तैयार की गई है; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि "बाल्को" तथा "हिंडाल्को" की खानों में बाक्साइट भंडारों के संभावित रिक्तीकरण के कारण उपर्युक्त भंडारों का दोहन करना आवश्यक हो गया है?

खान मंत्रालय के (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) भारत एल्युमिनियम कम्पनी और हिन्डाल्को की विद्यमान बॉक्साइट खानों के स्रोतों की संभावित समाप्ति को ध्यान में रखकर, इन दोनों कम्पनियों की कच्चे माल की भावी जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिये, सरगुजा जिलान्तर्गत मैनपत्त और अन्य बाक्साइट निक्षेपों का उपयोग किये जाने का प्रस्ताव किया गया है।

Shortage of Reserved Accommodation in East and North East Bound Trains

11. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: *Will the Minister of* RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of reserved accommodation in East and North East bound trains;

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide more berths to passengers; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Some passengers remain on the waiting list.

(b) and (c) Keeping the pattern of traffic in mind and subject to operational feasibility efforts are made from time to time to provide sufficient reserved accommodation in various trains including those bound for East and North East, by way of introduction of new trains and/or augmentation of the frequency and composition of existing trains.

Prospects of Jute and Cotton Crops

12. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the prospects of the cash crops namely Jute and Cotton during the year 1991-92; and

(b) what are Government's plans to increase the production of the cash crops either by increasing the total area under cultivation or increase in productivity per acre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) It is too early to say anything about the production prospects of cash crops namely Jute and Cotton during the year 1991-92. The sowings of Jute have been completed whereas that of cotton crop for the year 1991-92 is under progress. Condition of standing crops is satisfactory at present but the prospects will depend on the behaviour of monsoon in coming weeks.

(b) Government's plan is to increase the production of cash crops

namely Jute and Cotton by increasing the productivity per acre though the implementation of Special Jute Development Programme and Intensive Cotton Development Programme.

Loss of Mandays due to Communal Violence

13. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the number of mandays lost due to the communal violence in the country during the last three years and so far in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY): With a view to monitoring the industrial relations situation in the country, the Government collects information on loss of mandays due to strikes, lock-outs and lay-offs. The information on loss of mandays separately due to communal violence is however not maintained.

Package of benefits to Farmers

14. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal is under Government's consideration to announce a package of benefits to farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question do not arise.

Conversion of Leasehold System to Freehold

15. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed conversion of leasehold land to freehold in many colonies in and around Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and how much area has been covered under the scheme; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that unauthorised constructions have also been regularised in such areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Orders for conversion of leasehold rights to freehold in respect of plots upto the size of 500 sq. mts. DDA flats and flats built by Group Housing Societies on lands leased by DDA were issued on 11-3-1991. The scope, coverage and detailed modalities for implementing these orders are under consideration of the Government.

Machine stitching of Wheat and Rice Bags

16. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that very little progress has been made to introduce Machine stitching of wheat and rice bags;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the exact quantity of Machine stitching done during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to achieve 100 per cent Machine stitching of food-grain bags?